

Highland Lake Leadership Team Meeting, October 11, 2018

Attendance: Tom Peterson, Dennis Brown, Donna Chapman, John MacKinnon, Kim White, Nancy Lightbody, Kimberly Darling, Nathan Poore (on the phone)

Members of the HLLT were reminded that we cannot have broad policy discussions over email. That constitutes an official meeting, and since we are an official group in the Towns of Windham and Falmouth, all meetings need to be noticed and open to the public. It is OK to have one on one exchanges, but not copying everyone on the HLLT for votes or open discussions.

The Charge of the HLLT was revisited and it is as follows

Charge:

- 1. To assist with the implementation of, and recommend, if necessary and appropriate, updates to the 1999 Highland Lake Watershed Management Plan, 2003 Phosphorus Control Action Plan, and 2005 Highland Lake Watershed Management Plan;**
- 2. To monitor, assist, and coordinate, as deemed appropriate and necessary, scientific efforts to further understanding of watershed ad water quality issues affecting Highland Lake:**
- 3. To seek input and recommendations from experts and other stakeholders such as: Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District, Maine Department of Environmental protection, Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, local experts, the general public and other stakeholders.**
- 4. To report on its progress and identify any resource needs to the governing bodies of the respective members of the Team.**

A discussion was held on the use of approximately \$6,000 of Stormwater Conservation Funds (SCF) and who is responsible for the decisions on where to use the funds. It is clear that the decision responsibility lies with the CCSWCD and the DEP. In the interest of teamwork, the HLLT was invited by the CCSWCD to support using the funds to address the two major issues found during the Watershed Survey. The HLLT proposed an on-line vote on the support of using the funds for the two projects and it was then that it became clear that this type of activity cannot be done on line and needs to be done in a noticed meeting.

At this meeting, a vote was taken on the recommended use of the SCF to be used on the Highland Shore and Swan Roads with unanimous support from the HLLT.

It was clear that we cannot use the SCF to remove the manure pile from the Rand Farm, nor to address in the short term, any management of the waste in the fields or paddock area. This money must be used for a permanent solution, such as BMP's or a means of putting a roof over and impervious surface under the manure storage areas. It is unclear what the future of this property is going to be like, and not deemed prudent to spend money to fix a problem that may or may not exist in the future.

John McClain and Matt Randal have met with the owners of the horse farm, and they seem willing to cooperate in addressing the impacts to Highland Lake.

The Town of Windham has a \$30,000 pool of money for specific environmental issues in the Town, and has voted to contribute \$3,000 towards the work at the two identified sites at the request of the HLA. The road associations are also contributing to this work as well. This \$3,000 and the earlier \$10,000 grant from the Town of Windham were issued to the HLA. The two repair areas mentioned above are being overseen by the HLA, not the HLLT.

With Tony Plante's leaving the Town of Windham as Town Manager, Don Garrish is going to be the Interim Town Manager, and will be invited to the next HLLT meeting.

A scope of work and recommendation for the help of the District will be discussed at a meeting with Heather, Kimberly and Gretchen in a few weeks and will be brought back to the HLLT at the next meeting.